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In re application of: Washino et al

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For: MULTI-FORMAT AUDIO/VIDEO PRODUCTION SYSTEM

REISSUE OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,537,157
ISSUED JULY 16, 1996

REISSUE DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Kinya Washino, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I reside at 80 Hamilton Ave., Dumont, New Jersey.

2. I am a joint inventor of the subject matter claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,537,157.

3. Barry Schwab is a joint inventor of the subject matter claimed in this patent.

4. I believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is being claimed with this re-issue application.

5. I also believe that our issued patent is at least partly inoperative or invalid in that we claim less than we had the right to claim.

6. In particular, certain of the claims as presently drafted include limitations which are unnecessary to distinguish the subject matter of our invention over the prior art. More specifically, the independent claims of our issued patent include elements directed toward specialized interface units and display modes

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of operation which are not necessary to a fundamental embodiment of our invention.

7. This error in claiming was recently discovered and promptly acted upon. Over the course of the last several months, Mr. Schwab and I have been engaged in the formation of a business around the subject matter of our issued patents as they relate to multi-format audio and video production. These activities are based in part upon subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,537,157 for which the subject re-issue is now being sought.

8. In forming this new business, we have been in contact with various prospective partners and potential investors. In conjunction with these negotiations, we began a detailed and in-depth review of our relevant patents to ensure that we had claimed all that we were entitled to.

9. Following a series of telephone communications with our patent attorney, John G. Posa, we reached the conclusion that certain subject matter, as identified above, was not adequately represented in the claims, and that our issued patent was at least partially inoperative for failing to claim all that we had a right to claim in the patent.

10. We therefore asked Mr. Posa to prepare this reissue application with the revised claims that we are submitting together with this declaration.

11. These errors in claiming arose without any deceptive intention on the part of myself or my co-inventor, Mr. Barry Schwab.

12. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as they have been modified in accordance with this re-issue application.

13. I also acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to be material to the patentability of

our invention, and have not identified any further references apart from those submitted or cited during the prosecution of our issued patent.

14. I hereby appoint all of the attorneys of Gifford, Krass, Groh, Sprinkle, Patmore, Anderson & Citkowski, P.C. as my legal representatives in this matter. All communications should be directed to John G. Posa, Esq. at the following address:

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WHEREFORE, I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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